

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is there proof that the Lord is risen? Explain.
2. Why do many not believe that Christ is risen?
3. How can people today have their understanding opened that they might understand the scriptures?

SUMMARY:

God in the beginning gave life to Adam and Eve. Since that time life has still been in God's hands to give and to take it again.

The resurrection of Christ proves that God can and will give life again after death just as He gave it in the beginning. However, many associate the resurrection of Christ with only one day, Easter Sunday, and fail to grasp the meaning of it. They either do not realize, or take seriously, the words of Jesus in John 5:28-29: "For the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." To fully understand the meaning of Christ's resurrection of life, we must have HIM dwelling in our hearts.

NOTES:

[SoF:4] We believe that Jesus Christ is God incarnate, born of a virgin, and lived a sinless life. He died on the cross for us. His shed blood is the atonement for our sins. [SoF:5] We believe in Christ's bodily resurrection and ascension to the right hand of God, and that He will make a personal return to earth in power and glory. [SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [SoF:10] We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

April 4, 2010

Second Quarter

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST [SoF:4,5,8,10]

LESSON TEXT: *Luke 24:13-53*

LESSON SETTING: In and around Jerusalem, after Christ's resurrection.

TIME: Approximately 33 A. D.

I. REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH THE WORD. Luke 24:13-27

- A. Spiritual Conversation (vs. 14-15) Malachi 3:16; Luke 24:32
- B. Expounding the Scriptures (vs. 26-27)
 1. His Incarnation. Isaiah 7:14; 9:6
 2. His Rejection. Isaiah 8:14
 3. His Sufferings. Isaiah 53:5, 7
 4. His Death. Isaiah 53:3, 9
 5. His Resurrection. Psalm 16:10; 49:15

II. REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH COMMUNION.

Luke 24:28-45

- A. Breaking of Bread (vs. 30) Matthew 14:19; Matthew 26:26, 29; Acts 2:42
- B. Fellowship with Christ (vs. 30, 36-43) Matthew 18:20; Acts 4:13
- C. Hearts Burning (vs. 32) Psalm 39:3; Luke 12:49

III. REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH BELIEVERS. Luke 24:46-53

- A. Gospel Preached (vs. 47) Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8
- B. Witness of Believers (vs. 48) Acts 5:32; Acts 10:39; 1 Peter 5:1
- C. Believers Worship Christ (vs. 52-53) Matthew 28:9; Hebrews 1:6; Revelation 5:8

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED.*

Luke 24:34

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Jude 1-25

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 19:1-29;
Deuteronomy 9:7-24;
1 Corinthians 10:1-12

QUARTERLY THEME: The First Church Officers

TOPIC: CHRISTIAN STEADFASTNESS

INTRODUCTION:

Jude describes himself as a servant of Jesus Christ. He is generally believed to be Judas the brother of Jesus, the son of Alpheus (see Matthew 10:3; Luke 6:15-16; Acts 1:13). He wrote in much the same style as 2 Peter is written, but while Peter's epistles were written to churches in specific areas, Jude's epistle is written to Christians in general. It was written after 2 Peter, but probably before the devastation of Jerusalem.

Jude wrote to encourage believers to hold the faith and walk the Christian life after the example of Jesus Christ. He warns against corrupt teachers and doctrinal heresies. Such men are grumblers and blame others, following their own evil desires, bragging about themselves and flattering others in order to get their own way. They have followed the way that Cain took; they have given themselves over to error for the sake of money, as Balaam did. [\[SoF:16\]](#)

He concludes with an exhortation to build ourselves up in the most holy faith and to continue in prayer. We are to keep ourselves in the love of God and wait on Him for our eternal salvation. We are to be active in presenting the gospel as soul-winners trusting in Him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless, joyful before the presence of His glory. [\[SoF:9,15\]](#)

CENTRAL TRUTH: Our faith is the anchor that holds us steady through the fiercest storm.

[\[SoF:9\]](#) We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ. [\[SoF:15\]](#) We believe that the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ is an invitation for everyone to live a life of abandonment to Him, Who loved us and gave Himself for us - surrendering His personal ambitions and possessions in an unreserved committal to take the proclamation of the Gospel throughout "all the world to every creature". [\[SoF 16\]](#) We believe that the gift of eternal life is a present possession of every true disciple of Jesus Christ, and that nothing nor anyone can take it from him; but, that it is a realistic possibility, however, for a true believer, once saved, of his own free will to no longer "continue in the faith" but to apostatize, "depart from the faith" return to sin, and consequently forfeit the eternal life he once possessed.

GOLDEN TEXT: *THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVEABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD.* 1 Corinthians 15:58

Whenever we do any work we need a reason for doing it. If we cannot see a purpose in what we are doing, it becomes drudgery and is never done to the perfection that the task deserves. When we have an incentive, whether it is personal accomplishment, the desire to please someone, or whatever it may be, we find the purpose, zeal and strength to fulfill our labors.

Likewise in the work of the Lord, we may be discouraged and be ready to give up when we cannot see any results from our labors. How wonderful and what an encouragement to be faithful, with an unflinching zeal and motive, to know that our work of the Lord is never in vain in the Lord. How many down through the years have found courage to go on in the Lord's work through the words of this verse? May we too go on and fight a good fight of faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 5 – 11

- M. Basis for Steadfastness. Matthew 7:21-29
- T. Dangers to Steadfastness. 1 Corinthians 10:1-12
- W. *Need of Steadfastness. Jude 1-9
- T. *Enemies of Steadfastness. Jude 10-16
- F. *Source of Steadfastness. Jude 17-25
- S. Admonition to Steadfastness. 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- S. Reward of Steadfastness. 2 Timothy 4:1-8